

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
 Executive Committee Meeting
 August 18, 2021
 Teleconference and GoToMeeting Participation Only

MEMBERS	Title of Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Chief Probation Officer – Chairman	X	
Bill Schueller	City of Redding Chief of Police	X	
Eric Magrini	Shasta County Sheriff	X	
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney	X	
William Bateman	Shasta County Public Defender	X	
Melissa Fowler-Bradley	Shasta County Superior Court – a presiding judge or designee of the superior court		X
Donnell Ewert	HHSA – the head of the county department of mental health	X	

Attendees:

Erin Bertain, Eric Jones, Carol Ulloa, Chelsey Chappelle – Shasta County Probation Department
 Jenn Duval – Shasta County Administrative Office
 Ben Hanna, Shasta County District Attorney’s Office
 Angie Mellis, Shasta County Crime Victims Assistance Center
 Melissa Field, Tanya Clark, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency
 Danielle Gehrung, Amanda Lightfoote, Tara Levin – GEO Reentry
 Caedy Minoletti, One Safe Place
 Steve Kohn– Member of the Public
 Robert Bowman – Shasta College STEP UP
 Susan Wilson, Youth Options Shasta

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Bridgett moved to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes. William Bateman seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Erin Bertain discussed the State Allocations to Shasta County financial report, stating the revenue is being received higher than anticipated based on the Governor's FY 20/21 May Revise Budget. She stated this was expected and is in-line with what was estimated during the planning process for the FY 21/22 CCP Budget.

Discussion Items

Shasta County Day Reporting Center Annual Report

Amanda Lightfoot presented the Shasta County Day Reporting Center (DRC) annual report. She noted that during the entire pandemic, and this reporting period, the DRC did not close their doors. She stated they were the only GEO Day Reporting Center in California to stay open through the entire pandemic. She explained they consulted with researchers in the field to determine how they could facilitate services while maintaining fidelity. As a result, some services remained in person and some transitioned to a virtual platform. She said they served over 300 unique individuals in the DRC or in custody with 87% having a substance use need. She said, of those who completed the ACE questionnaire, 47% reported having four or more Aces and 85% experienced at least one. She reported on the outcomes of the program which included 119 individuals gaining employment and 78% of those completing the program since inception remain felony free. She also shared dosage data and demographic data. Danielle Gehrung discussed enhancements that were implemented to increase the success rate of the participants in the program. She stated enhancements included targeting essential needs like housing during Phase 1. Danielle also discussed the risk assessments used and the results of those assessments. Amanda Lightfoote discussed enhancements planned to be implemented in the next reporting period which included changes to the education employment model, a new curriculum called Getting Motivated to Change, and purposeful intervention tools to increase interventions in the first phase of the program.

Tracie Neal asked for additional information on the current activities for the in-custody portion of the program. Danielle Gehrung stated small group sessions are being held to ensure social distancing. She said these group sessions include MRT, emotional regulation, social skills, and other groups based on the needs of the participants. She explained participants also have at least one ICBT session per week via phone with their change manager. She stated additional sessions will be scheduled based on the needs of the participant.

Donnell Ewert stated he has concerns about the increased substance abuse issues as a result of the pandemic and pointed out the positivity rate increased dramatically in 2020 and 2021. He asked about how the DRC is dealing with that issue. Danielle explained participants are tested at least one time per week but can be tested more if needed. Amanda Lightfoote explained part of the increase in the positivity rate in phase 2 is a result of participants being able to promote to phase 2 after completing steps one and two in MRT. She said sobriety is not required until step 3 of MRT, which means participants can promote to phase 2 in the DRC without achieving sobriety. She explained this change was intended to allow the focus in phase 1 to be on meeting essential needs, increasing intrinsic motivation, and building rapport with the participants to motivate change. Amanda stated the majority of the staff are now trained to do substance abuse assessments, even those that are not substance abuse counselors, to assist in ensuring all interventions are purposeful

and target the substance abuse needs of the participants at every opportunity. Donnell asked if groups were held in person or virtually during the pandemic. Amanda stated groups were virtual with the option for participants to participate in person when they didn't have the ability to attend virtually. Danielle explained they were transitioning back to in person groups in a way that would allow social distancing. She said that because the groups have to be smaller, they are facilitating more groups.

Alcohol and Drug Inpatient Treatment and Medi-Cal Coverage

Donnell gave a brief overview about the recent changes to Drug Medi-Cal which included an added benefit of residential treatment, which used to only be available to pregnant and post-partum women. He explained that if individuals meet specific criteria, Medi-Cal will pay for residential treatment. Carol Ulloa discussed the implementation of this change within the Community Corrections Center (CCC) and Adult Probation. She stated all offenders are assessed by the Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Tonya Clark, located at the CCC. She explained this assessment helps determine the needs of the offender as well as their readiness to change. She said if the counselor determines the offender needs, and is eligible for, residential treatment, Tonya works to get them connected with Medi-Cal to pay for the residential treatment. She shared the change to the Medi-Cal coverage has resulted in a reduction of more than \$250,000 in costs for residential treatment from Fiscal Year 2019/2020 to Fiscal Year 2020/2021. She added that overall costs for sober living have also decreased as a result of assessing the offenders. Tonya Clark discussed her process of assessing offenders. She shared the challenges of placing individuals who need residential treatment as a result of a limited number of beds and lengthy waiting lists. Carol discussed decreases in overall referrals to residential treatment and sober living. She indicated these decreases are likely a result of referrals being submitted as a result of assessment results rather than the preference of the offender or the officer.

Action Items

Appointment of a new member to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Tracie Neal reminded the Committee of the requirement in the By-Laws for the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee to review applications for specific vacancies in the CCP and appoint the new member. She presented the three applications that were received as a result of a recent recruitment which included Robert Bowman, Caedy Minoletti, and Angie Mellis. She announced that Caedy Minoletti withdrew from the application process. The remaining candidates gave a brief overview of their experience as it applies to the position. Michael Johnson moved to appoint Angie Mellis to the CCP. Stephanie Bridgett seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes

Operational Updates

None

Future Agenda Items

Tracie referred to the agenda for a list of upcoming topics to be discussed and asked for any additional items members of the committee would like to see added. There were no additions from other members.

Next Meeting

Tracie Neal stated the next meeting would be for the full committee on September 15, 2021. She said the meeting would be in-person.

Adjourn

Michael Johnson motioned to adjourn. Bill Schueller seconded the motion.
Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.